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BRITISH RELATIONS WITH CHINESE REDS

London speculation on status of Hong Kong REVIEWING OF TREATIES?

London, January 22.

The trend of Britain's relations with Communist China aroused speculation in London tonight that Mao Tse-tung may be laying plans to "talk" Britain out of her Crown Colony of Hong Kong.

It was recalled that Mao has said repeatedly that he intends to review and if necessary to revise or annul all existing treaties with China. His intention to review foreign treaties may well be the explanation of the unusual delay in accepting British recognition of the Peking regime which was granted earlier this month.

In its reply to the British note of recognition, the Peking Government suggested that the British charge d'affaires proceed to Peking to enter into "negotiations" on the basis of recognition. Diplomatic quarters here can recall no precedent for such an action.

32 killed in Bolivia crash

La Paz, January 21. — The Bolivian War Department announced tonight that 32 persons were killed yesterday when a military transport plane crashed near the village of Yacuata in Cochabamba province.

Among those killed were 28 soldiers, including the pilot, and four members of the crew. An announcement by the Chief of Staff of the Army indicated that the plane which was not identified had crashed after two of its engines went out. The pilot was believed to have bailed out of the plane in a heavy fog shortly after take-off. The wreckage reached the plane late today and reported that all persons on board were killed.

NOZAKA RETAINS HIS POST

Tokyo, January 22. — Sanzo Nozaka, Japan's No. 2 Communist, who was recently made the target of Communist attacks as a result of American occupation, remained unaffected by a minor reshuffle among senior officials of the Japanese Communist Party.

The Central Committee of the party, after closing its 10th "closed" session, which was called to study the recent Communist Party of China's announcement in today's "Akahata" (Red Flag), the official party organ, the appointment of a new member on the Central Committee and reorganization of the secretariat.

The new line-up of the secretariat comprises Kiyoshi Tokuda, Japan's No. 1 Communist, as Secretary General and 11 members headed by Sanzo Nozaka.

The announcement was not accompanied by any reference to the recent Communist criticism or the subsequent statement issued by the party on it on January 20.

Nor did it contain any indication as to the contents of Tokuda's "general report" due for publication on Monday.—United Press.

The Weather

At 6:00 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a moderate easterly breeze, clearing during the day. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, with a moderate easterly breeze. Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a moderate easterly breeze. Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a moderate easterly breeze. Friday: Partly cloudy, with a moderate easterly breeze. Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a moderate easterly breeze. Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a moderate easterly breeze.

Malayans for Sandhurst



The first two Malay Regiment Cadets selected for training at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, Sergeant Abdul Manan Bin Abbas (right) and Sergeant Shukor Bin Chik (left) have left Singapore by air for the United Kingdom. (A. P. Photo.)

U.S. interest in pact for Asia increasing

Washington, January 22.

High American officials are becoming increasingly interested in the possibility of an Asian Pact to bolster that area against Communism.

The idea was first suggested early last summer by the Philippine President, Elpidio Quirino. However, Americans now look to Australia and one or two other Commonwealth nations to provide the main impetus for such a movement, if it develops.

United States enthusiasm for such a pact is predicated on two conditions:

1. Initiative for its formation must come from nations in Asia and the Pacific and not from outside, and Asian nations must take all the necessary steps for organization.

2. The pact must primarily be economic in nature rather than a military alliance.

United States officials in recent days noted two significant developments which they think make the idea of a Pacific pact more feasible than it once was: The decision of the Commonwealth nations to undertake some form of co-ordinated aid to South East Asian countries, and the Australian Foreign Minister, Percy Spender's, New Delhi statement that his Government would give favourable consideration to the idea of a Pacific pact.

American officials are hopeful that Australia's assumption of leadership in the Commonwealth plan for aid to South East Asia, plus Mr. Spender's willingness to consider some kind of co-operation arrangement against Communism, may result in the formation of a cohesive arrangement into which United States plans will fit.

Bank loans
The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, made it clear that the American ability to aid South East Asia economically is limited, and will be granted wherever it is wanted and has a reasonable chance of success.

Other officials have said that loans from the United States Export-Import Bank will also probably be available for a few countries in that area.

United States officials realize they have no chance of getting Congress to sanction an overall and comprehensive programme for Asia such as was undertaken for Europe. For this reason, they particularly welcome the Commonwealth plan which they believe will provide the framework within which limited American aid would be of most use.

Although United States officials do not say so publicly, another factor which has made it easier for them to become enthusiastic about a Pacific pact now is that the participation of Nationalists in China need no longer be considered.

Even President Quirino, who first discussed his idea with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at the Baguio conference last summer, has apparently joined the United States in "writing off" Chiang and his government in Taiwan.

While American officials emphasize their belief that any pact should be economic rather than military in nature, this would not rule out the opportunity of some military co-operation being built on the original economic basis.

Japan's inclusion
It is recalled that the European recovery programme began as a purely co-operative economic arrangement with no idea of military aspects. However, as European co-operation improved, the

Japanese POWs' grim tale

Malacca, January 22.

Russian prison guards destroyed all evidence of probably 150,000 Japanese soldier and civilian deaths in prison camps from the Caspian Sea to Vladivostok, Japanese repatriates from Siberia said here today.

There were 52 stretcher cases among the repatriates, who brought five boxes of ashes of deceased prisoners with them.

The repatriates declared that between 6,000 and 7,000 Japanese now remain behind the Russian "Iron Curtain." They challenged the Japanese Government estimate that Russia still has to account for more than 300,000 Japanese, claiming that nearly 100,000 Japanese, believed missing in Russian camps, have either died or were killed by Chinese Communists in Manchuria before Russian troops took over.

The repatriates said that Russian lectures told them that Britain and America would soon start a third world war, this time with Russia. They said that Russian military activities had been increasing sharply since last year.

They said that they had seen many Russian twin-engined bombers and tanks, but in recent months they had seen very little military activity because the Russians kept a strict security veil on military matters.

Airfields were built and exist throughout the countryside and there is increased training of soldiers. Some of the repatriates said they had been employed at road-making and torpedo manufacture until 1947.

They said that giant concrete forts and gun emplacements are being constructed at Nakhodka, a port on the Japan Sea near Vladivostok.

Russian lectures also told them: "We will beat any American atomic bombs with our five-year plans."

Many Rumanian, German and Polish prisoners, including 50 German girls at Krasnodar, are still held in Western camps, repatriates from this prison said.

The food for the prisoners they described as not fit for pigs, but the Russian soldiers' food was no better.—Reuter.

Their removal was demanded by the "Half Mountain Group" of Taiwanese who worked with Chinese on the mainland, to liberate Taiwan from Japanese rule. The group accused Peng Teh of being a wartime collaborator with the Japanese. Chiang belonged to the "Sea Group," which remained in Taiwan during Japanese rule.

The two posts were filled by members of the "Half Mountain Group."

The dismissals were ordered to end bickering among Taiwanese and to allow Wu, to go ahead with reforms through which he hopes to eliminate "special privileges" and to exercise closer control of the provincial economy.—Associated Press and United Press.

HAINAN REPORT OF INVASION OF INDO-CHINA

Taipei, January 22.

An official Nationalist news despatch said last night that a combined force of 30,000 Chinese Communist and Indo-Chinese troops are attacking French Indo-China troops into the Indo-Chinese border.

The Nationalist Central News agency despatch from the Ching Command Headquarters at Hoihow said the combined forces are attacking French brigades in Northern and North Eastern Tonkin province.

The attacks of the Chinese Communist and Viet Minh forces are being made at Cao-bang, 25 miles inside the Indo-Chinese border, and at Lang-sou, 55 miles to the South East, the despatch said.

The despatch from General Pao Chung-hsi's headquarters on Hainan island said General Lin Piao is leading the attack in conjunction with Indo-Chinese rebel leader Ho Chi Minh's forces.

The Hoihow despatch is the only source for the reported fighting and it can not be confirmed here. The despatch did not give any details and failed to state whether the Indo-Chinese units involved included regular French units.

It is recalled, however, that the Communist Peking radio recently voiced threats against the French-sponsored Indo-Chinese leader, Bao Dai, warning that action would be taken "to protect" Chinese being "mistreated" in Indo-China.

The Hoihow despatch did not mention whether any of General Pao's Nationalist troops who took refuge in Indo-China are involved in the reported fighting. The best estimates were that 30,000 of Pao's Central Command troops are inside the Indo-China border and another 20,000 in the border area.

He added that Western countries should no longer entertain any doubts that the ultimate objective of the Chinese Communist Government was to effect the overthrow of existing Far Eastern governments, and replace them with Communist Governments.

The Chinese Government has given the initial preparatory reason for its overhauling these governments to the Chinese Overseas Commission, which was formed in Peking early in October, 1949.

Chairman of the Commission, Ho Hsiang-ni, is the widow of Liao Chung-kai, former candidate and financial adviser of Sun Yat-sen.

Last week, Ho Hsiang-ni, in a radio broadcast, informed all overseas Chinese that they could only favour with new Communist Government by exchanging whatever hard currency they could into Jen Min Piao dollars, and by purchasing Victory bonds.

The official said that if the Commission could first attract the support of influential Chinese in Far Eastern countries, and they in turn encourage local populations to support the overthrow of their respective governments, it would take only two or three years to oust the long-established governments of the Far East.

Major problem
However, the "major" problem confronting the Communist effort is the "proletarian nationalism" which has thus far prevented dissidents in Far Eastern countries working together.

The official said: "In essence, the problem for the Communist Government is to get peoples such as the Laos, Thai, Burmes, Malaysians, Indonesians, and Vietnamese to work together."

"If this could be accomplished, it would be the end of the current governments in an amazingly short time."

He said that there was much evidence to support the belief that Communist agents and advisers had been consistently bringing directives to Ho Chi Minh for the past two years.

He added "Therefore, Chinese Communist recognition of this Moscow-trained leader is probably the opening wedge in this expansionist programme."

Though the Overseas Commission is ostensibly composed of many liberal elements, being meetings have so far been arranged in such a way as to exclude any but Communist representatives having a part in formulating important policy making decisions, the official said.

Communist plans
Chinese Communist recognition of the guerrilla leader, Ho Chi-minh in Vietnam as head of the legal government of that country is the first step in Communist expansion throughout the Far East, a highly informed foreign

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2. Persons wishing to register for rice cards should go, during the usual hours of business, to the nearest Government rice retail shop in the district in which they live between January 25 and 31. Application forms can be obtained at those shops, a fee of 5 cents per form being charged to cover printing costs. No person already holding a ration card or included in a family ration card may register under this scheme. Any one so doing will be liable to prosecution under the Rationing Order 1946.

3. The application form is designed to cover families and their servants, not merely individuals. In the case of families only one form is required.

4. Applications must be countersigned by a person belonging to one of the following categories—

- (1) the employer of the applicant
- (2) the manager of a Licensed Bank
- (3) a Doctor
- (4) a Justice of the Peace
- (5) a shop keeper, other than the keeper of a Government rice retail shop
- (6) in the case of applicant resident in the New Territories, a village representative

5. A person countersigning an application must indicate his qualification to sign on the application form.

6. When the forms have been completed they should be returned to the Government rice shops from which they were obtained. The applicant will then be handed back the counterfoil duly chopped by the rice shop. This counterfoil should be carefully retained.

7. Completed application forms will be accepted only from January 25 to February 1. No applications will be considered thereafter. The public are therefore advised to obtain their application forms and return them duly completed before the closing date.

DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES & DISTRIBUTION.

January 20, 1950.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, January 18, 1950.

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Hong Kong, January 23, 1950.

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Softball:

Canadians humiliate St. Joseph's 8-4

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Softball fans at King's Park yesterday had more than their weekly quota of thrills as Braves bowed to St. Joseph's 10-7 while Canadians humiliated St. Joseph's 8-4 in a tilt highlighted by Barney Abbas' homer in the fifth with the bases loaded.

Jaguars became one step nearer to the play-offs when they nosed out Madcaps 5-4 in a tussle featured by three twin-killings by the victors, while Americans consolidated their league standing with a 9-1 triumph over Pandas.

Cumbancheros parted company with their cellar-mates the Baseballers as they notched up their first win of the season at the expense of Darc-devils 5-4. Salisbury Sound accounted for Paks 6-3 while Chung Hwa overwhelmed Baseballers 27-4.

In the Junior League, Rexen maintained leadership when they downed Blackhaws 13-9 while Ben Barretto's youthful Delawares trailing at the end of the league standings, created the upset of the week as they blanked Jaguar Cubs 4-0.

Jaguars 5—Madcaps 4. Jaguars denied the rubber twice in the initial frame on Rudolfo "Chandu" Pedruco's timely two-bagger with ducks in the pond, but Madcaps retaliated with a splash of four runs in their half on a single, a sacrifice and four errors.

Bunching up three solid blows in the next semester, the Jolting Jags crossed the plate three times to regain the lead, and added another in the next frame on a drive by Frankie Barros.

Both sides played brilliant ball and there was no further scoring until the bottom of the fifth when Madcaps connected safely twice in succession aided by Jim Moore's sacrifice hit.

In the sixth frame, Jaguars vent down one-two-three while Madcaps were also retired in succession despite the fact that Eddie Marques drew a walk, but was outed at the mid-way cushion.

In the top of the seventh, Jaguars threw away a scoring chance when Eric Guest poked out a three-base hit but was stopped cold at the plate with reckless base-running. Vic Pedruco and Chandu Pedruco were retired and the Madcaps came in for their last lick trailing one run.

Louis Oliver opened the inning with a dribbler to third base but Sid Hollands bunted a pop fly to Gerry Langenberg, and Olivera was caught off base. George Saunders stood still on a third strike to end the game for another Madcap setback.

Winning hurler, Vic Pedruco, pitched a four-hit game and walked three, striking out the last batter of the game, while Kelly Silva-Netto for the losers also passed three and fanned one, but yielded six hits which meant the difference. Eric Guest's bat boomed for two in four which in-

cluded in triple, while Gerry Langenberg and Chandu Pedruco also made a double apiece.

St. Joseph's 10—Braves 7. Rivalry between St. Teresa's and Braves was settled yesterday when the former triumphed 10-7 in a game featured by a total of nine sacrifice hits—a record for a single game.

The tussle was also full of thrills and spills.

In the first inning, Bob Remedios was whined when he collided with Carlos Yvanovich, followed by Kito Hyndman's hunt which was fouled and almost landed him as the ball smashed into his glasses.

Jaguar Erksen was the next victim as team-mate Rocco Rosario collided with him in an attempt to freeze a catch.

Hitting was free as the Braves collected 10 hits, while the Salts asked Mickey Remedios and Edo Almeida for light, but the pty was that Jaguar Erksen lost his batting lead as he failed to connect even once. In four times at bat Spiky Gutierrez took over the title with two safeties in both times at bat.

Canadians 8—St. Joseph's 4. The Salts faltered again in the home stretch as the Canucks came from behind in the fifth to grab the lead with a four run up-astir after two outs.

Bases were loaded on a single fielder's choice and a walk and clutch-hitter Barney Abbas poked a drive to centre-field that went past the gardener for a round-tripper. Another two runs were given away on the upstater when Kussu Nazarin and Don Robbins scored on a wild heave.

Both sides shared sixteen hits equally, the Salts turning in two double-plays. Tiger Hudson of the Canucks had a perfect day at the plate with three in three, while Salty hurler Sherry Bucks was good for two in three.

Delawares 4—Jaguar Cubs 0. The Junior League Jaguars suffered the only shutout game of the week-end when the Delawares registered the upset of the week.

Bennie Barretto's tribe played tight ball in holding down the score while Mattos homered with one aboard for the first two runs, and Omand singled with two on for the other pair of tallies.

Jaguar gardener George Noronha hit safely in all three times at bat but was left stranded.

In the Ladies Junior League, the Squaws had no difficulty in taking a 12-5 verdict from McTyreans.

In the absence of Rita Marques, the hurling task was taken over by Virgie Gonzales who struck-out eight and walked six in a creditable performance.

Catherine Remedios was the only one to collect over one hit, while Lilitin Shu clouted a round-tripper for McTyreans.

Week-end results at a glance

Men's Senior League

Americans 9 Pandas 1

Braves 7 St. Teresa 10

Madcaps 4 Jaguars 5

Canadians 8 St. Joseph's 4

Chung Hwa 27 Baseballers 4

Darcdevils 4 Cumbancheros 5

U.S. Navy 6 Paks 3

Men's Junior League

Blackhaws 9 Roxes 13

Spartans 10 Griffins 6

Pandas 5 Overseas 6

Braves 5 Aces 15

Delawares 4 Jaguars 0

Ladies Junior League

McTyre's 5 Squaws 12

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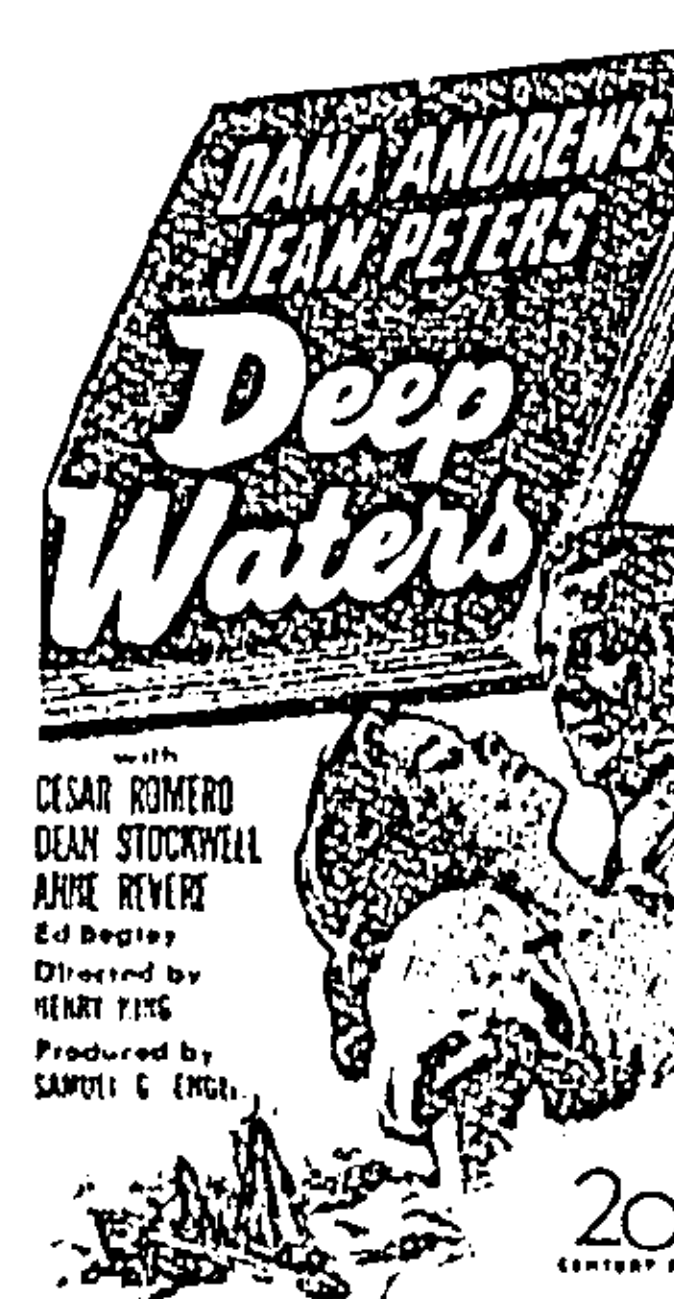
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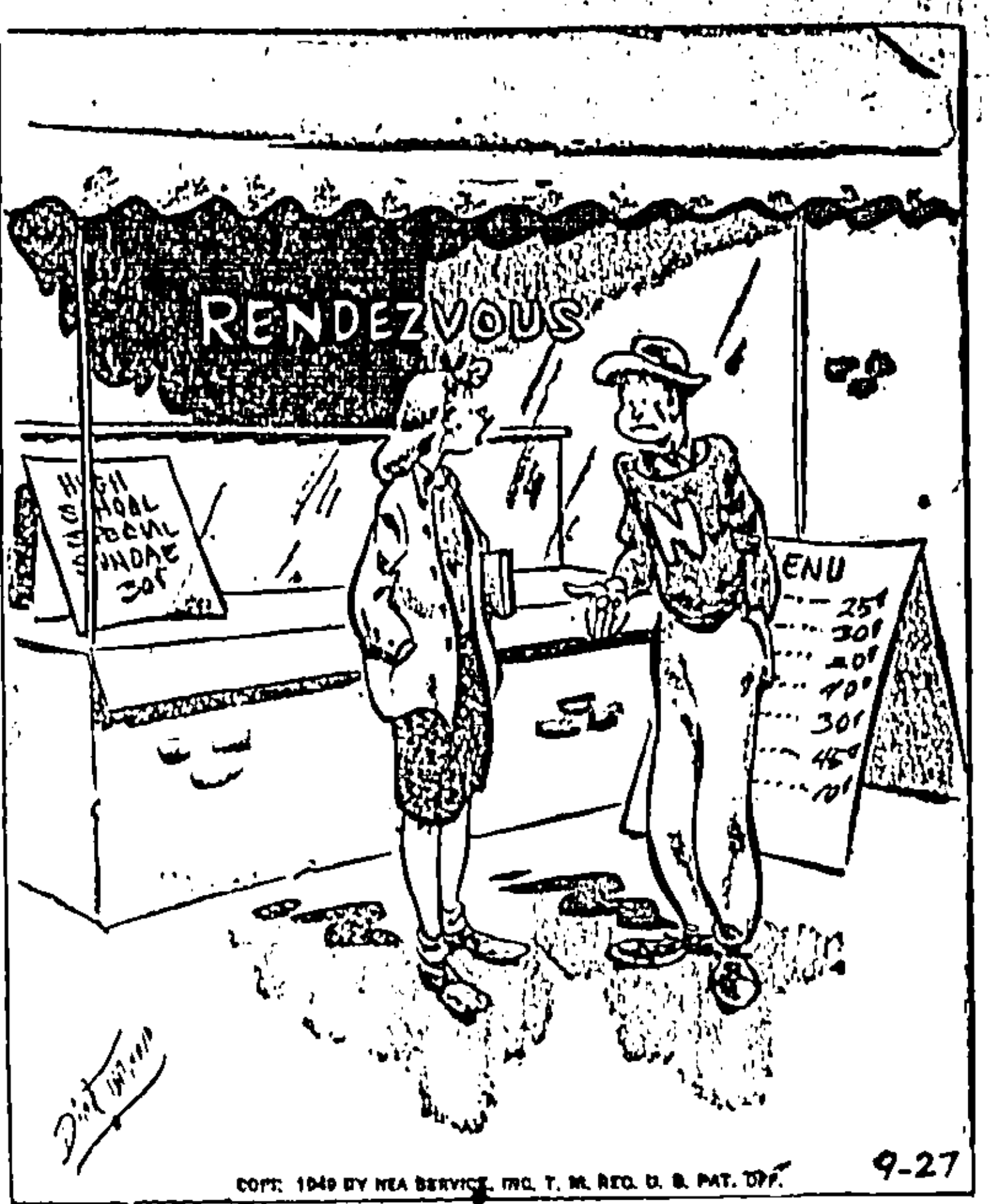
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By Shepard Barclay

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Now just notice what happened at Table 2, where West shut out to double. He found his partner led with the opponents' diamond suit, so that a business or penalty pass was natural. South made that contract with an extra trick, getting five in the trump suit, one in hearts and two in diamonds.

East let West hear plenty from him for that double. Besides the risk of such a business pass, the doubler with a great two-salter chances his side being shut out, if the partner of the opening bidder happens to have a fine fit for the suit opened. In this case, if East's hand had been held by North, he could have hoped so high that a doubler's partner could not respond. However, if a two-salt holder shows one suit first, he can afford to show the other generally on his next turn to force a choice.

Tomorrow's Problem

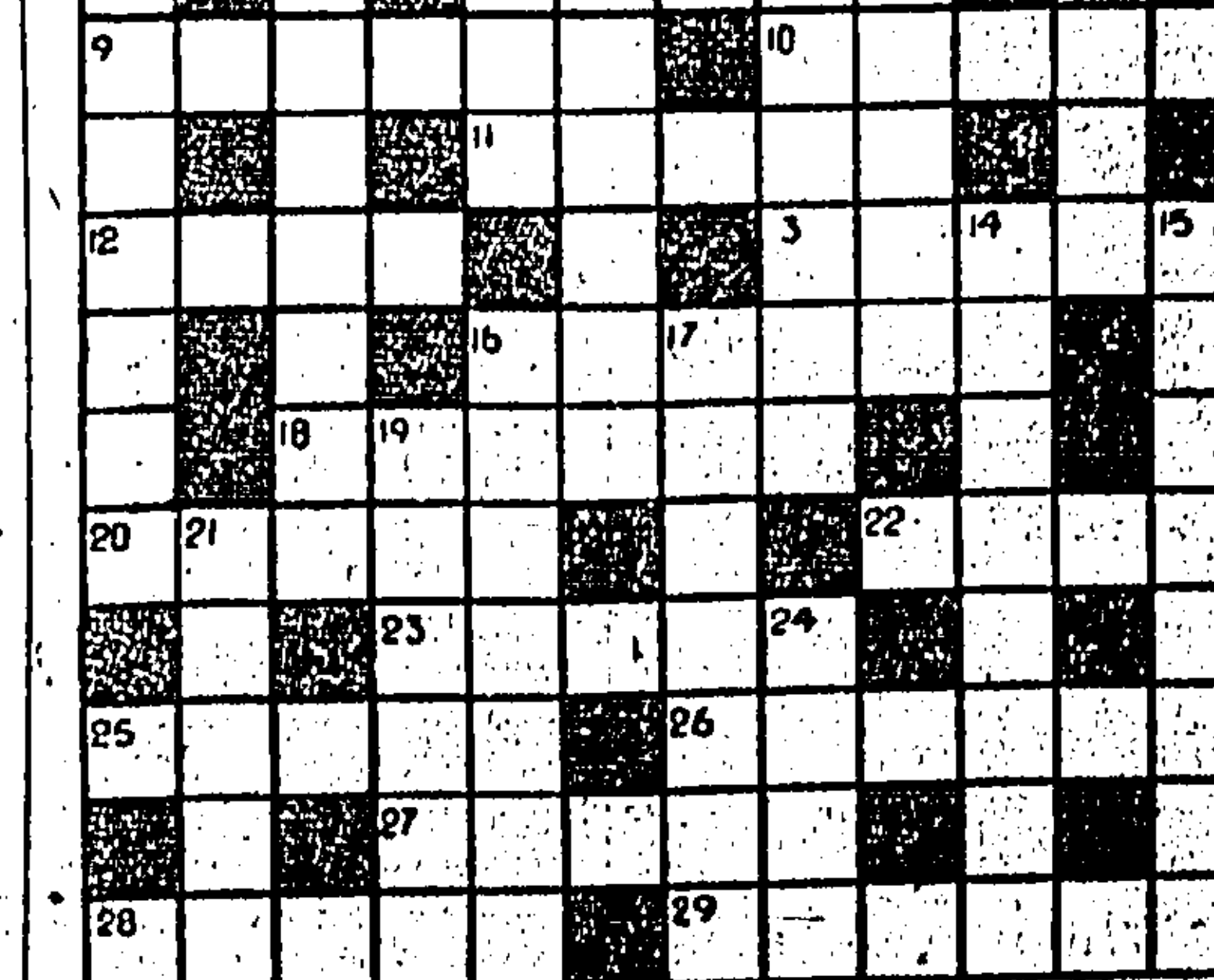
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D 3 C Q 7 6
S A K 7 H 5 S Q J 8 4
6 5 H 7 6 D 4 3 2
H Q J 10 D A J 10 4
C 3 C Q J 2

Table 1 of the duplicate where the shuffle produced this deal. Even if North had inserted a 3-C bid, the auction would have gone about as it did the rest of the way except that North and South might have sacrificed at 5-

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

Why might a 4-Heart bid by North if dealer be wise, and the same bid as an overcall of 1-South might have sacrificed at 5-

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Across

- 1 Push.
- 5 Sharp.
- 8 Fragrance.
- 9 Household.
- 10 Tapestry.
- 11 Diminutive.
- 12 Highway.
- 13 Composition.
- 16 Decline.
- 18 He follows the guns.
- 20 Pup-q.
- 22 Shape.
- 23 Trench to conduct water.
- 25 Moved by degrees.
- 26 Ombury.
- 27 Stumble.
- 28 One kind of larceny.
- 29 Lethal.

Down

- 1 The day after this.
- 2 Can be hired.
- 3 Heroic story.
- 4 Three times over.
- 5 He plays for pleasure.
- 6 Fondling.
- 7 Coronet.
- 14 Supported a proposal.
- 15 Volunteer cavalry.
- 16 At speed.
- 17 Brought along.
- 18 Most aged.
- 19 Fence of bushes.
- 21 Pleasant expectation.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS—3 Herb, 7 Fony, 8 Urge, 9 Pail, 10 Hollic, 12 Blow, 13 Taste, 18 Dabs, 19 Valet, 21 Whole, 23 Gilt, 23 Reach, 25 Goes, 26 Rotates, 28 Purl, 31 Boys, 32 Relax, 33 Rare.

DOWN—1 Cover, 2 Capital, 4 Exult, 5 Bulb, 6 Ode, 9 Pass, 11 Caber, 13 Litt, 14 Wile, 16 Evict, 17 Swag, 18 Dope, 20 Ashamed, 22 Gaol, 24 Error, 25 Model, 27 Oxon, 28 Spar.

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CHURCHILL CALL FOR EJECTION OF LABOUR

Choice of regimentation or freedom before Britain WARNING OF THE FUTURE

London, January 21.

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Speaking to an estimated audience of 20,000,000 radio listeners from the study of his country home in Kent, he launched the first thunderbolts in the Conservative's campaign.

"The choice before us is whether to take another plunge into Socialist regimentation or by a strong effort regain the freedom, initiative and opportunity of British life," he said.

"I believe that on this decision depends not only our future as a leading nation in the world, but also our physical ability to maintain our vast population upon decent standards without foreign charity."

Emphasizing that no one in Britain need fear a vote as the ballot is secret and free, Mr. Churchill said, "Socialism is based on the idea of an all-powerful State which does everything which plays everything, which creates the life of the individual through its political and fiscal."

"We have not of course, got this on our mind, but in the light of the present time, the process of establishing the Socialist State has only begun."

"The practical question we have to settle now is whether we shall take another deep plunge into State ownership and State control or whether we shall take a greater measure of freedom of choice and action to our people, and to our industry."

He said he expected that it will be to look for the Socialist State to be the end of the decline through Europe in all countries outside the Iron Curtain.

Weakest defence
"Socialism has been found in all European countries bound or free, to have the weakest defence against Communism."

BANKER'S STRANGE STORY

Amsterdam, January 21.
Siegfried Wreszinski, 65-year-old Polish-born Stateless banker on trial here accused of a wartime fraud, told Dutch police that he was sent to Europe by the British Secret Service to murder Hitler and had a fund of £5,000,000 behind him.

According to the prosecution he said that he was a "bosom friend" of Churchill who introduced him to King George after which he was invited to a Royal ball.

Wreszinski is charged with accepting and appropriating over 250,000 guilders in the pretext of securing the release of Underground Dutch workers from German prisons.

He was stated to have claimed that a German police official in the prison service was an old school friend of his.

Wreszinski said that the Germans demanded 50,000 guilders for each released prisoner but the police said that the money was taken to a mysterious woman.

The trial is expected to last a considerable time. The next hearing will be on January 27.

TONKIN RAID

Singapore, January 21.
A Vietnamese (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) account of their recent raid on the Bach Mai military airfield, near Hanoi, broadcast by their "Tonkin radio" tonight, claimed that 25 out of 30 French aircraft were completely destroyed, and two petrol dumps blown up.

(A communiqué of the French High Command in Indo-China yesterday said that eight planes were damaged.)

The Vietnamese guerrilla radio added that raiding troops, using "new home-made weapons," held the airfield for three hours and did great damage.

(The French communiqué reported that in an attempt to mine the landing strip failed.)—Reuter.

News of missing airmen

Washington, January 21.
The State Department today received official word that the two United States Naval fliers, who have been missing in Communist China since October, 1948, are alive and well.

The fliers are Marine Sergeant Elmer Bender and Navy Chief Petty Officer William Smith.

The State Department's spokesman, Michael McDermott, said the British Consulate at Tientsin sent the following message obtained from Communist authorities: "Smith and Bender are well. Receiving ample food and are comfortable. They are living in the Eastern section of Shantung Province." Mr. McDermott said the Department is continuing its efforts through the British Consulate in Tientsin to obtain their release.—United Press.

CHINESE IN BERLIN INCIDENT

Berlin, January 21.

Fifteen Chinese invaded the Nationalist Government mission in Berlin today with what they said was a demand for money to pay their passage to Taiwan.

The mission rejected the demand and accused the young Chinese of attempting to discredit the agency with Communist tactics.

Colonel George Su Meo-si, the acting chief, called in American police safety officers after he said he was advised that the Chinese group intended to erect a Red flag over the mission's building in the U.S. sector.

The Public Safety Branch said it was taking the position only of observer in the dispute.

Spokesmen for the protesting Chinese denied the Colonel's version and said they were only asking for Nationalist Government funds so they can go home.

Most of them have been students.

The students contended that the mission once had US\$100,000 to repatriate Chinese nationals from Germany and alleged that the money has been misused.

Colonel Su asserted that all "legitimate" Chinese who had shown willingness to return to their homeland were repatriated two years ago.

Most of these men here are no longer students," he said. "They have been here as long as 15 years. They have married German girls. Some of them have Chinese wives in China."

He said the mission had exhausted its funds to repatriate those who were willing to go home. His government has specifically instructed him, he said, to withhold any funds from those who do not take advantage of the opportunity to go home when they had the chance.

The group insisted it had no Communist links and denied any attempt to erect a Red flag on the premises.—Associated Press.

GASPERI RUNS INTO SNAGS

Rome, January 21.

The Italian Liberal Party today rejected Premier-designate Alcide De Gasperi's proposals for the formation of a new coalition government to succeed his fifth post-war Cabinet, which resigned 12 days ago.

By 14 votes to four, the party's executive today said it could not accept the programme drawn up by De Gasperi for their projected new Government.

The three other parties of the last coalition Government are still studying their replies to the programme. These parties were the Christian Democrats, the right wing Socialists and the Republicans.

Political observers think it likely that De Gasperi fails to form a four party coalition, he will give up his mandate as Premier-designate. It is expected that in such a case he will recommend to the President of the Republic, Signor Luigi Einaudi, to entrust the formation of a new Government to Alcide De Gasperi.

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RED TROOPS ONLY 35 MILES FROM TIBET

San Francisco, January 21.

The Peking radio said that Chinese Communist troops have arrived 35 miles from the Northern border of Tibet.

They carried out a 900-mile forced march across some of the toughest country of the world in the middle of winter.

The broadcast did not explain the reason for this remarkable feat, which took a little over a month.

It said that a unit of the Chinese Communist Army of unspecified size arrived at Khytan, in Southern Sinkiang province, 35 miles from the Tibetan border, after a march from Tun Huang, in North Western Kansu province.

The troops marched across the wind-swept Gobi Desert and snow-capped mountains.

The Peking radio also reported that Tibetan "democrats and intellectuals" held a meeting in Peking at which they denounced the Imperialist plot to invade Tibet.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Communist army, Chu Teh, attended the meeting and reiterated the Peking Government's intention of a "swift liberation" of Tibet.

Chou's note to the UN

Meanwhile the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, has sent a second note to the United Nations division, the "immediate expulsion" of the Nationalist delegation, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported today in a Peking despatch received in London.

The Chinese Communist Press continues to demand the admission of a Chinese Communist delegation to the United Nations, according to Peking radio.

The papers also prominently eulogized Lenin on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of his death.

The noted writer and historian, Kuo Mo-jung, writing in the Peking "People's Daily," blamed "American and double-faced British imperialism" for the rejection of the Nationalist delegation while Shanghai and Hankow rallies hailed the Soviets "just stand" which they claimed, "was groundlessly rejected."

The Peking "People's Daily" also published on the front page a large photo of Lenin in a special edition, which included a letter from Stalin and special articles by Thorez, Romane Roland, and Chinese writers.

Bangkok accused
Another Chinese Communist radio broadcast, said that Chinese who had been "thrown into Bangkok Prison and brutally beaten by the Government of Thailand" had sent a letter to the Peking Government pleading for help.

The broadcast quoted the men as saying that they had been in prison for more than six months and that beatings and poisonings took place daily.

The broadcast added that the letter-writers accused the Thailand Government of pursuing an anti-Chinese policy, and described as a "common occurrence" the bludgeoning to death of prisoners.

More than 10 imprisoned Chinese had died because of this "inhuman policy," the letter alleged.—United Press and Reuter.

COLD SNAP IN LONDON

London, January 21.

London is pulling out of a cold wave today.

Yesterday was London's coldest day since last March. The lowest temperature was 34 Fahrenheit, two above freezing.

This morning's temperatures hour by hour were running from one to three degrees higher than yesterday. It was 36 at 7 a.m. GMT.—Associated Press.

BRITISH ECONOMIC POLICY

London, January 21.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney-General, said today that Britain could not be expected to carry other European countries on her back.

Speaking at Droylshen, Lancashire, he added: "We cannot risk destroying our own planned and increasingly successful economy built up with such difficulty and sacrifice, by immediately integrating it with untested and tottering economies in other countries which have not shown the resolution to take effective steps to put themselves on a sound basis."

But Britain would work towards a properly planned and increasingly integrated European economy by all means which did not imperil what she had already achieved.

The Attorney-General defended the Commonwealth and foreign policy of the Labour Government.

Under the Labour Government, Britain had avoided war in spite of several incidents which differently handled, might have led to an armed conflict, Sir Hartley said.

"We seek no quarrel. With the Communist powers we shall remain at once fair and firm, hoping that in the end they will realize that friendship and straight dealing will serve their interests best as they will serve those of the rest of the world."

"In the meantime, we can rejoice in the existence of goodwill and co-operation between the peoples of the Western world to an extent never previously attained in peace.—Reuter.

GEORGE ORWELL DIES OF TB

London, January 21.

George Orwell, British writer of satirical works, who fought for the Republicans in the Spanish civil war, died here today aged 46. His real name was Eric Blair.

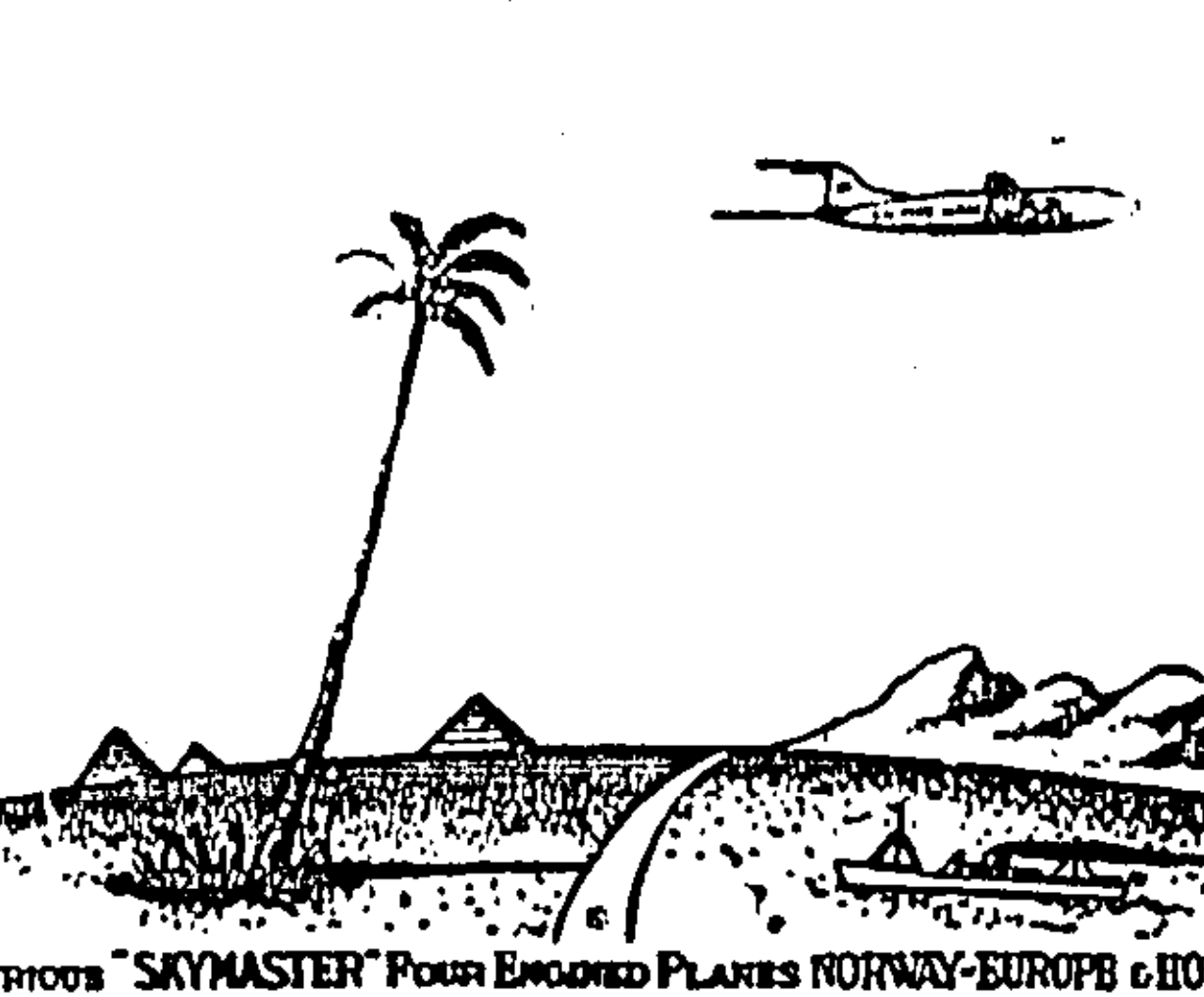
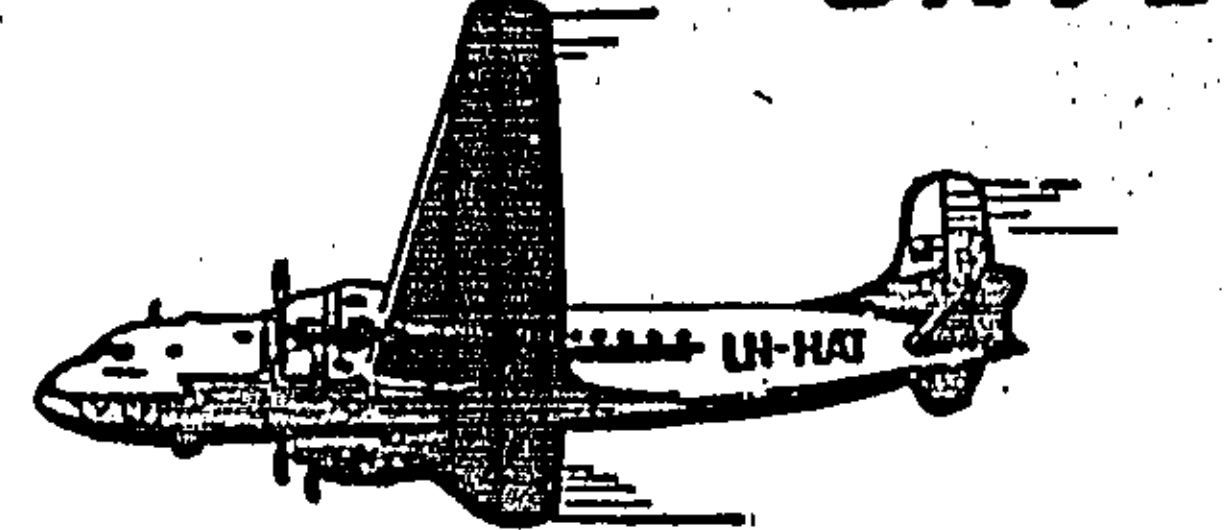
In Spain he served with the Anarchist formation, preferring that to the Communist-led International Brigade. He had been virtually an invalid with tubercular trouble for the past three years.

His "Animal Farm" drew considerable attention at the time of its publication several years ago. It was a striking satire on dictatorship and modern men under the guise of animals who liberated themselves from their human masters only to come under a worse tyranny from their own kind.

The author's latest book, "1984," written between periods of ill-health spent in sanatoria, gave an imaginative picture of a totalitarian world of the future.

He was the son and grandson of members of the Indian Civil Service and served in the Burma police.—Reuter.

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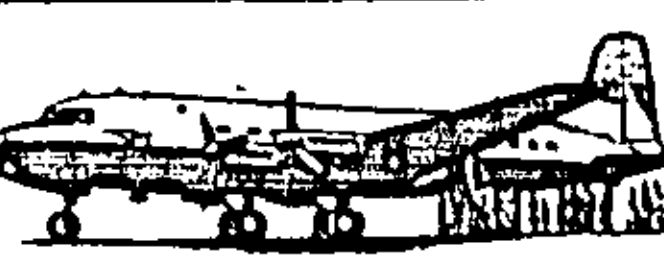
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6.02 Children's Half Hour (Studio)

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7.00 World News and News Analysis (London Relay)

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9.25 Concerto No. 2 in C Minor (Molter) Op. 40 Nicholas Medtner (Piano) with the Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Isaac Dobrowen

10.00 Radio News Red (London Relay)

10.15 Weather Report

10.16 Latin American Music

10.30 "From the Ballet" "Faust" Symphonic Orch. of Paris Opera

10.45 Dance to Alvin Roy and His Orchestra

11.00 Weather Report World News and Home News from Britain (London Relay Recorded)

11.15 Did Save The King

11.30 Close Down

GERMANS TO WORK IN CYRENAICA

Hamburg, January 21. Former members of the British-managed German Civil Labour Organisation will leave here tomorrow for Cyrenaica, where they will be employed as civil workers under a two-year contract.

Another 90 men will leave here on Tuesday.

Altogether 1,300 German workers and technicians who were registered by the British Labour Organisation for work in the Cyrenaica area are due to leave here shortly.

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AMERICAN OPINION SPLIT ON H-BOMB

Washington, January 21.

American Government and Congressional opinion is split into several camps on whether the United States should build the hydrogen bomb which is said to be at least 50 times more powerful than the atom bomb.

But in official quarters no one from President Truman down, will speculate on the bomb's power or the possibility of its construction.

Estimates of what the bomb would cost range from \$100,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000.

Division on the subject is reported to have spread even to the Atomic Energy Commission, the highest American authority on atomic power.

Some members are said to feel that the United States should build the H-bomb since leading world nuclear physicists knew the theory of its construction and Russia might make one.

But the thought of creating such a terrible engine of destruction worries other members of the Commission.

Unnamed officials connected with the Defence Department are said to have said that military chiefs would want the bomb for the United States if there were any possibility of Russia's developing the weapon.

When General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of

Staff, met the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee behind closed doors yesterday it was generally assumed that he told the Committee what the Service chiefs think about the super-bomb.

One atomic scientist, Dr. Arthur Compton, Nobel Prize physicist and wartime director of the Metallurgical Atomic project, thinks that work should begin on the bomb, but advocates sound national opinion on H-bomb policy through a poll.

The development of the weapon would be "realistic" in view of atomic advances in other countries, he considered.

Opinion divided

Congress members, unusually reticent about commenting publicly on the issue, are clearly divided.

Mr. Elbert Thomas, Democratic Senator, said, "If anyone is going

Snow's havoc in British Columbia

Vancouver, January 21.

Twenty-five to 30 persons have been buried in snow-slides in British Columbia, and floods have started in parts of the Fraser Valley. For the second consecutive day no Eastbound rail traffic moved in or out of Vancouver. The trans-Canada highway remained broken at Flood by a 1,500-foot mountain snow-slide.

An estimated 1,600 railway passengers were trapped aboard passenger trains while between 10 and 20 freight trains were also caught. One report said a passenger train was partially buried by a snow avalanche near Mount Robson.—United Press.

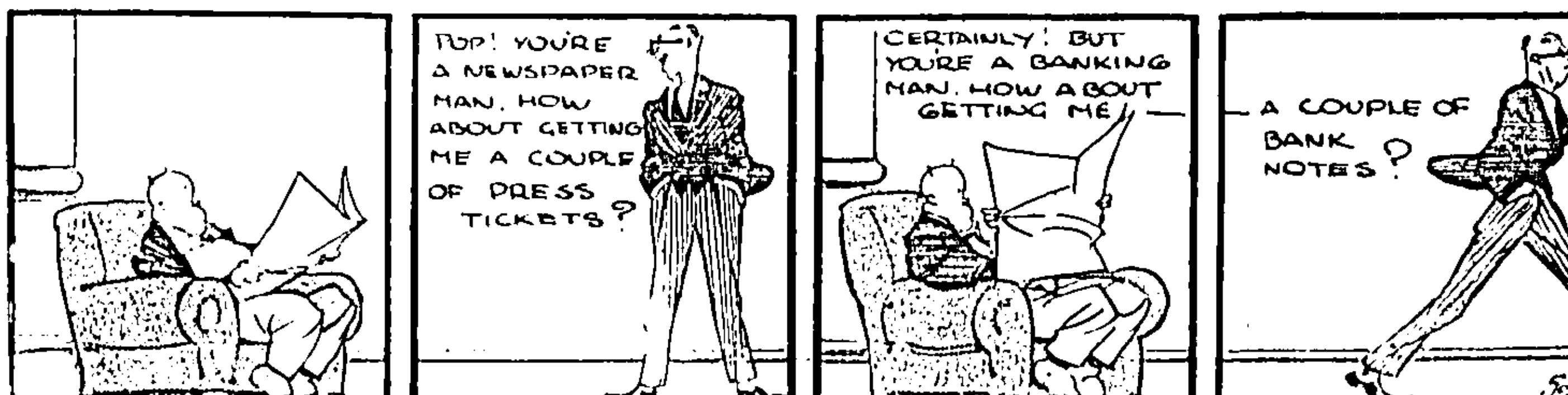
to build a hydrogen bomb we should build it."

Mr. Charles Eaton, senior Republican member of the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee, is against building the bomb.

Public speculation about a hydrogen bomb was touched off when Mr. Edwin Johnson, Senator and member of the Congressional Atomic Committee, declared in a television broadcast some time ago that United States physicists were trying to make a bomb 1,000 times more powerful than the wartime atomic bomb.—Reuter.

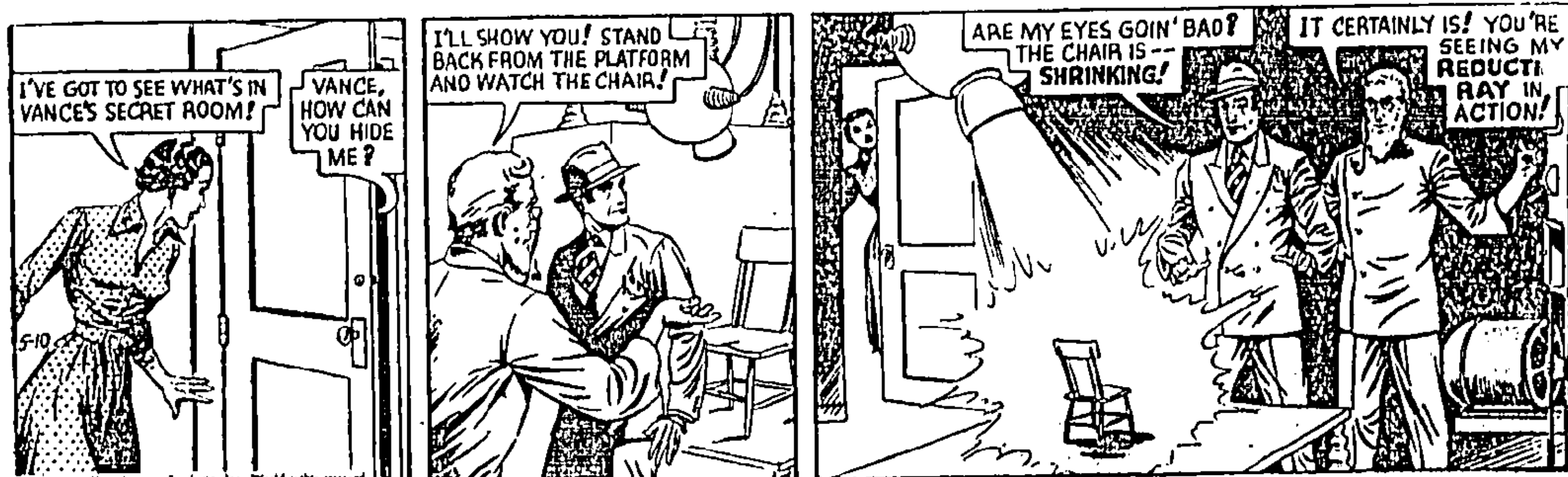
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FEWER DOLLARS FOR FIGHT AGAINST REDS

Washington, January 21.

A strong move is developing among lawmakers here for more diplomacy and fewer dollars in America's fight against Communism.

This appears to be the big issue in the International field for the current session of the U.S. Congress.

Today the signs point to less spending in the cold war with Russia and greater effort to draw non-Communist nations into closer political alliance.

Here are the probable highlights of the new year in Congress:

1. A move to get Atlantic Pact nations into a conference as the first step to forming a political union.

2. New demands for full diplomatic recognition for Franco Spain, and to draw Spain into the anti-Communist front of Western Europe.

3. An effort to make a drastic cut-back in European recovery spending by America.

4. A struggle to reduce American military spending at home and abroad.

5. A Government call for a three-year extension of the peace-keeping draft (conscription).

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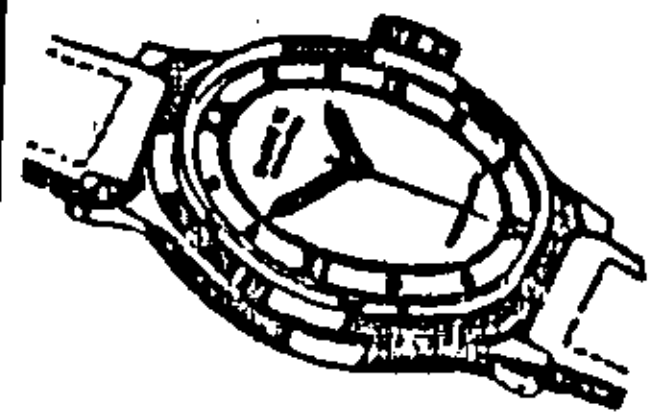
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Sports Pause



Soccer:

Combined Hong Kong lose to Combined Malaysians 4-2

Playing fast, clean and clever football, the Combined Malay XI beat a Combined Hong Kong XI by four goals to two at Caroline Hill yesterday.

In the only First Division League game played yesterday, Police beat Royal Navy, in a scrappy affair at Boundary Street by one goal to nil.

The game between Kwong Wah and Eastern at Causeway Bay was not played, as the former failed to field a team.

Combined Malay 4—Combined Hong Kong 2

The Combined Malay XI, captained by Tan Kuan-seng, played a fast and clean game, scoring four goals to two against the Combined Hong Kong XI.

Malay's first goal was scored by Tan Kuan-seng in the 10th minute, after a long pass from the left wing. The ball was headed into the net by the striker.

Two minutes later, the Malays scored again, this time by a long pass from the right wing, which was headed into the net by the striker.

The first half ended with the Malays leading 2-0. In the second half, the Malays scored two more goals, while the Hong Kong XI scored two.

The final score was 4-2 in favour of the Malays. The game was played at Caroline Hill, and was attended by a large crowd.

The Malays' victory was a significant one, as it was their first win in the First Division League. The Hong Kong XI, on the other hand, suffered their first defeat.

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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

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Kwong Wah 0—Eastern 0

Second Division
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Third Division
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Fourth Division
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S. Africa shake Aussies in third Test

Durban, January 21.

Trapped on a turning wicket, Australia were shot out for 75 by South Africa here today, the second day of the third Test.

South Africa, who made 311, thus gained a first innings lead of 236 and can force the follow-on on Monday.

It was Australia's smallest total in a Test against South Africa, the previous lowest being 153 in Melbourne in 1931-32.

Hugh Tayfield, the Natal off-spinner, a newcomer to Test cricket, was the main reason for the batsmen's troubles. He bowled seven of the 10 wickets, and took the last over of the day.

After the opening pair, Morris and Moroney (10) had added 31 in an hour for the first wicket, the side withered away in the face of bowling by Mann and Tayfield, though Loxton, batting No. 10, offered some resistance in making 10.

Tayfield took three wickets in the first hour of the day, and the batsmen were four for 11, five for 11 and six for 17.

Heavy overnight rain had held up play until just before lunch. The South Africans hit out strongly, losing their remaining wickets for the addition of 17 runs.

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Cricket:

HKCC "Occasionals" beat Shanghai "Outcasts"

The friendly cricket match between HKCC "Occasionals" and the Shanghai "Outcasts" at Chater Road yesterday resulted in a narrow win for the "Occasionals" by 12 runs. In another friendly game played at the Craigen-gower Cricket Club at Happy Valley, the Royal Air Force beat a Combined Chinese XI by three runs.

The Second Division League game between Dockyard and Kowloon Cricket Club at King's Park ended in a tie, each side scoring 110 runs.

"Occasionals"—"Outcasts"
In an all-day friendly cricket match played at Chater Road yesterday, the Shanghai "Outcasts" lost to the "Occasionals" by 12 runs.

Bowlers commanded the play, although many of the batsmen reached double figures. R. Corfield obtained five "Occasional" wickets at the expense of 26 runs in 13 overs, six of which were maidens, while Graham took three for 10.

For the "Occasionals," G. H. Pritchard took seven "Outcasts" wickets for 40 runs in 14 overs, which included three maidens. R. MacPherson took the remaining three for 36 runs.

Top scorer of the day was G. H. Pritchard, who knocked up 42 for the "Occasionals" while R. Corfield scored 17, not out, for the Shanghai "Outcasts."

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Commandos lose to HK Hockey Club

The biggest upset in yesterday's hockey fixtures was the 6-4 defeat of the Commandos by the Hong Kong Hockey Club.

At King's Park, Royal Navy was held to a draw by the Hong Kong University in a scrappy game, each side scoring once.

Navy was unlucky not to win in the first half, they had the better of the exchanges.

Navy opened the scoring through their centre-forward, who connected beautifully from a corner hit.

But 10 minutes before the half-time whistle, HK equalised in the course of a spasmatic attack.

Results
RAF 2—Paks 0
Police 2—Chand Tara 0
Navy 1—HKU 1
Commandos 4—HKHC 6
Army 8—Dutch HC 1

Rugger results
The following were the results of Rugby League and Rugby Union matches played today:

Rugby Union: London Scottish 5—London Hospital 13; Old Cranleighs 0—United Services 0; Parkhead 12—Old Merchants 14; Richmond 3—Cambridge University 3; Abercorn 3—Pontypool 0; Bedford 17—St. Bar's Hospital 0; Bradford 24—Manchester 0; Brion Ferry 0—Bridgend 0; Bridge-water and Albion 22—Telfordmouth 0; Huddersfield 13—Kelley 5; Eltham 0—Sheffield 0; Halifax 3—Stroud 0; London University 3; Macclesfield 15—Lydney 0; Taunton 0—Torquay Athletic 3; Old Blues 6—Middlesex Hospital 3; Watsons 3—Jedforest 0; Saracens 3—Pulgrove 3; English Universities 17—Scottish Universities 0.

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